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Reflecting on the Life of Samuel L. Manning

Mr. Samuel L. Manning was born November 21, 1935 in Houston, Texas to Reverend Charlie Manning and Matilda Dixon-Manning. His father was a pastor in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, for many years in the states of California, Washington, Kansas and Missouri. Sam began his music career at the age of 2 years old. A special gift from God, he mastered it well and loved it to the fullest. In 1952, the Manning family moved from Texas to San Francisco, California, where he attended and graduated from Mission High School along with his good friends, Elder Arthur Ransburg, Sis Lori Thompson and others. He shared his musical talent during school assemblies and for the school choir.

He became pianist for the Double Rock Baptist Church under the pastorate of Reverend Victor L. Medearis. Sam was one of the most faithful, punctual, and dedicated musicians in the San Francisco Bay Area and in the world. As a result of Sam's musical talent many titles preceded his name, Maestro, Minister of Music, and Musician. He was affectionately called "Teddy Bear" by the youth of Holiness Temple Church. On October 15th, 2005, Sam was presented with an honorary doctorate in ministry from Bell Grove Theological Seminary, adding Doctor to his many titles.

In 1955 he became the organist of the Holiness Temple in Christ Church pastored by the Late D. H. Desnews. He served over 20 years as minister of music, an ordained deacon and Sunday school teacher. Sam was inducted into the U.S. Army in 1958. He received an honorable discharge 2 years later on September 30th, 1960. After the passing of Elder Desnews, Sam fellowshipped with the Jerusalem COGIC as the minister of music under the late Bishop L.C. Patton for 25 years. His faithfulness continued for 9 years under the current pastor of Jerusalem, Apostle D. Dewayne Christmas.

Dr. Manning has traveled throughout the United States, playing and singing gospel music. He has accompanied many nationally known gospel artists, such as the late world famous Mahalia Jackson, Dorothy Norwood, Henry Jackson, Rev. Macao Woods, the O'Neal Twins, the late Cassietta George, Gene Viale, Albertina Walker, Richard (Mr. Clean) White, James Moore, Dorothy Love Coates, and Inez Andrews to name a few.

Moreover, Sam has recorded with many local choirs, groups and soloists; Bishop Will Wortham, the Voice of Victory Choir, The Voices of St. Johns, Rev. Albert Cobb., the Sam Manning singers, Elder O'Neil Robertson, Sis Odessa Perkins, the Emmett Powell Gospel Elites, Sis. Arvis Stricklind-Jones, Sis. Brenda Low, Elder Arthur Ransburg and the list goes on…

Sam pursued a long career in the insurance business with Universal Life Insurance Co. and United Insurance of America. He was also employed with the Bryant Mortuary of San Francisco, Duggan's Mortuary and Bay View Mortuary. Sam was preceded in death by his grandparents Wanza and Olena Dixon, his father, Reverend Charlie Manning, his mother, Matilda Dixon-Manning, his Aunt Mrs. Lovie Saddler whom he loved dearly. He leaves to cherish his memory, Mr. McAdoo and Lillian Dixon (aunt and uncle), Maxine Dixon-Bailey (cousin), Richard Bailey (cousin), Mark Beasley (cousin), Wilbert and Barbara Smith (cousin), Donald (Godson), Shanitha Smith(God daughter), Shadale Scott Sr (Godson), and host of church family and friends. He will be missed but his life and his love will never be forgotten.

Order of Services
11 a.m.

Processional	
Officiating	*Pastor Joe Nobles* *Dancey Memorial Church of God in Christ*
Old Testament Scripture *New Testament Scripture*	*Pastor Harold Johnson Jr* *Old Path Church of God in Christ, Vallejo, CA*
Invocation	*Elder Ricky Carrington* *North Highlands COGIC, North Highlands, CA*
Selection	*Mass Choir*
Obituary	*Mother Mamie Simon*

Special Remarks
Bro. Emmett Powell
Elder Arthur Ransburg
Pastor M.D.F Washington, Matthew Zion Baptist Church, San Francisco, CA

Selection	*Mass Choir*

Expressions from Friends and Family
(2 minutes please)

Resolution	*Missionary Glenda Lavigne*
Selection	*Mass Chior*
Eulogy	*Pastor D. Dewayne Christmas* *Jerusalem COGIC, San Francisco, CA*
Parting View	*Duggan's Funeral Services*
Recessional	

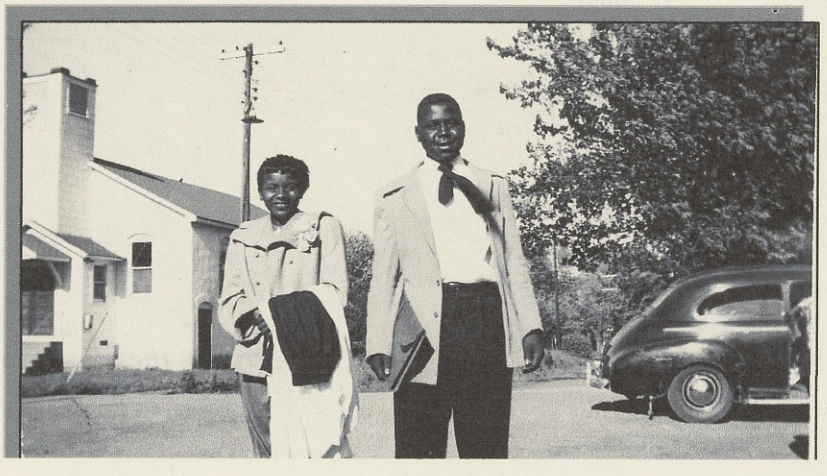
Please join the family for a repass after service

We Will Miss...

Your Smile

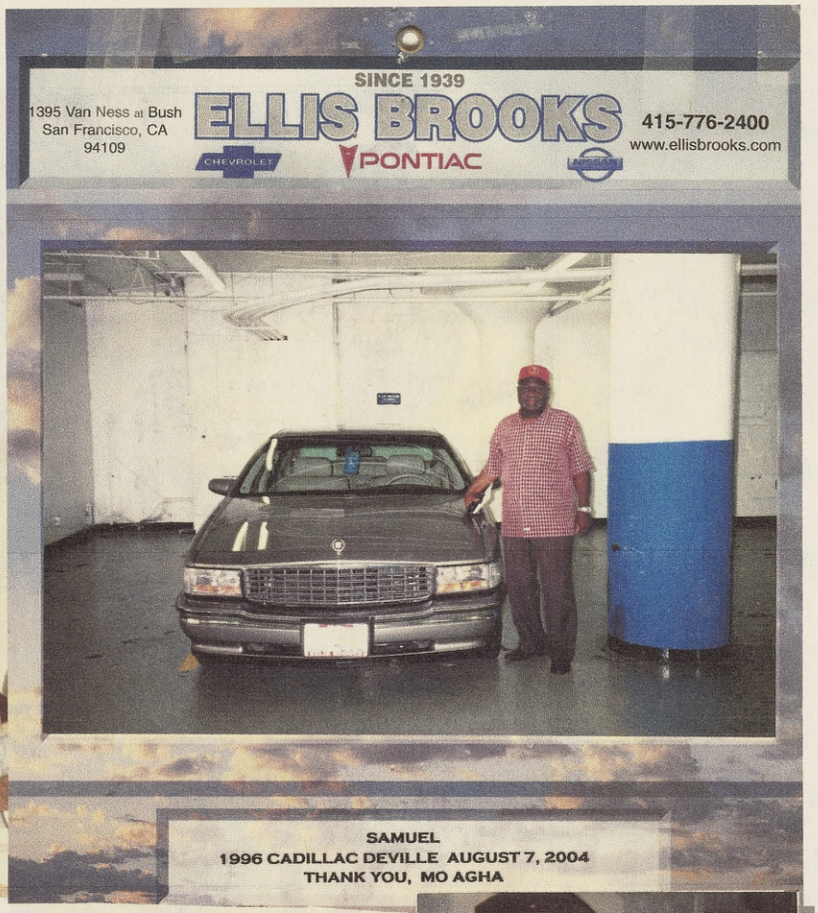
And

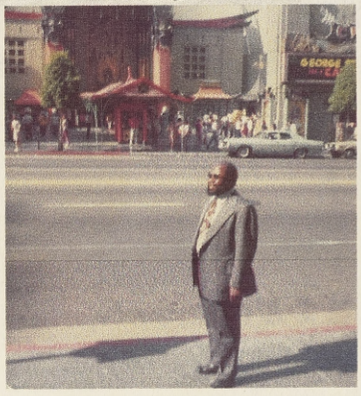
Your Style!!!



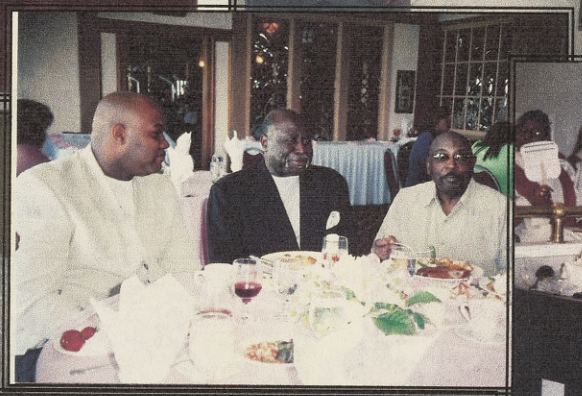
We will never

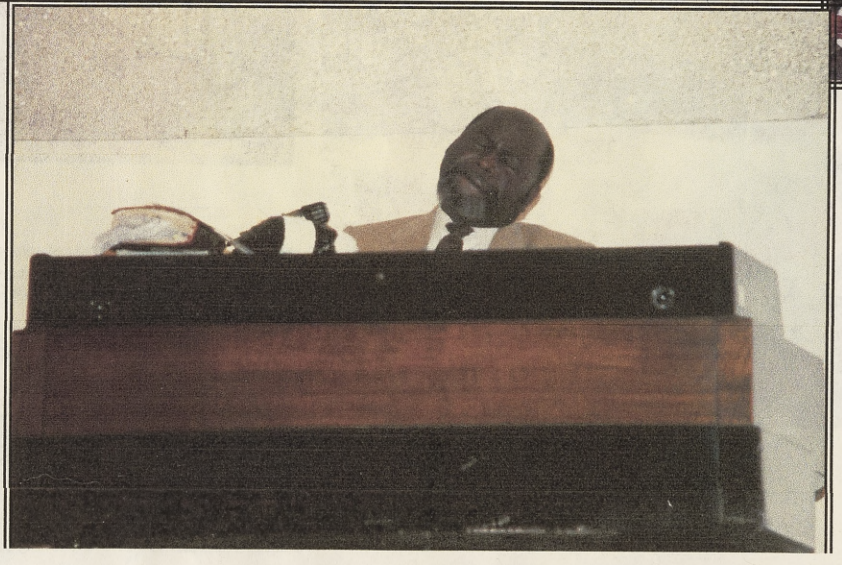
Forget you!





There is NO Place LIKE this Place,
You Will Always Be a part
of the Jerusalem Family





Sing unto

The Lord

A New Song

BELL GROVE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

has conferred upon

SAMUEL MANNING

the Degree of

HONORARY DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

together with all the rights, privileges, and honours appertaining thereto,
given under the authority of and recommendation of the faculty, and
the Board of Supervisors

this Fifteenth day of October, in the year of the Lord
Two Thousand and Five

Rev. A. C. Albers
President

Dr. Marie Bailey
Academic Dean

BELL GROVE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRESIDENT
DR. A.C. ALBERS

Pallbearers

The Men of Jerusalem Church of God in Christ

Special Thanks

The Jerusalem Family
Duggan Funeral Services
Pastor D. DeWayne Christmas
Reverend D.M. Phillips
Mother Mamie Simon
Elder Arthur Ransburg
Missionary Glenda Lavigne

Someone Special

~ The comfort you give, the love you show, makes a difference in the lives you know. You are truly someone special. We will miss you
~ Love Joann Davis and Georgia Willette ~

Services Entrusted to
Reverend D.M. Phillips and Duggan's Mortuary